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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
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SUBJECT: COBALT SHIPMENTS

1. PLEASE SUPPLY US SOONEST WITH ANY INFORMATION THE
EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON CURRENT RATES OF DELIVERY OF COBALT
TO BELGIUM FROM ZAIRE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM AFRICAN METALS
THAT ALL COBALT FROM ZAIRE TRANSITS BELGIUM, IF ONLY FOR
REPACKAGING. WE ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF CONCLUSION
REACHED BY SWEETWOOD/ELLIS VISIT TO KOLWEZI (SEE LUBUMBASHI
1050) THAT KOLWEZI COBALT PRODUCTION HAS RESUMED, PERMITTING
THE ATTAINMENT OF 12,000 METRIC TONS OF PRODUCTION BY END
1978. IF, AS AFRICAN METALS INFORMS US, ALL ZAIRIAN COBALT
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TRANSITS BELGIUM, THEN A SIMPLE CHECK OF DELIVERIES FROM
ZAIRE SHOULD CONFIRM THAT FIGURE. EMBASSY IS ALSO ASKED TO
UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THOSE DELIVERIES ON
PERIODIC BASIS, AT LEAST UNTIL SEVERE SHORTAGE IN U.S.
BEGINS TO EASE. CHRISTOPHER

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